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## Social and Personal

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received the Israeli Ambassador to Argentina, Ram Nirgad.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday hosted a delegation from the Royal College of Defence Studies of the United Kingdom. The group is on a study tour of the Middle East.

Maison de France and the Israel-France Friendship Society invite the public to a lecture by Prof. Eliezer Leibman on "An Imaginary Voyage to the Maya Ruins of Mexico and Guatemala," Thursday, September 30, at 5:30 p.m. at Maison de France, Givat Ram Campus of the Hebrew University.

Rabbi A.E. Assabi will address the Senior Branch of the AACI on Tuesday, September 28, at 3:30 p.m. at Beit Tabori, 7 Rehov Shulamit, Tel Aviv.

The first of the three Ford-Carter television debates will be telecast in full at the U.S. Information Service centre in Tel Aviv at 11 a.m. today.

South African Zionist Federation Luncheon Club meets on Thursday, September 30, at 1 p.m., Sinai Hotel, Trumpeldor Street, Tel Aviv. Speaker: Prof. Yitzhak Yadin on "Israel Today and Tomorrow." Come early. Phone 03-290131 for reservations. Luncheon IL25 per person.

## ARRIVALS

Yosef Tschernover, head of the Defense Ministry delegation in New York, for a routine visit (by El Al).

World War II president Hays Jaglom, from a meeting of Wieso in Geneva (by El Al).

## DEPARTURES

Prof. Shlomo Simonsohn, Rector of Tel Aviv University, for the U.S. and Canada to meet with former Israeli academics presently residing in those countries.

Yehoshua Yarden, general manager of the Shulamit Gardens Hotel Group, on a sales promotion trip to Europe.

## 'Righteous' Pole

to plant tree  
A Polish "righteous gentile," Sayman Najdek, is to plant a tree today at the Yad Vashem memorial compound for having aided two Jewish families during the Nazi period. Najdek, now 80, is on a visit here with the Meir family whom he concealed from the Nazis in the town of Borslawa.

## Netanyahu fund started at Cornell Univ.

IYTHACA, New York.—Cornell University has established a Yonatan Netanyahu Memorial Fund for Jewish studies, in memory of the Israeli officer killed in the July 3 commando raid at Entebbe airport.

Sgan-Aluf Netanyahu's father, Prof. Benzion Netanyahu, has been chairman of the Semitic Languages Department at Cornell since 1971.

## TV, radio equipment must be replaced

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Television and radio programming may suffer soon unless the bulk of the Broadcasting Authority's equipment is replaced, secretary-general Yitzhak Livni warned yesterday.

He told the authority's managing committee that a special development budget of IL30m. to IL40m. is needed to buy new equipment. The present equipment, acquired several years ago, is rapidly deteriorating and "a collapse of TV and radio programming is a definite possibility," he said.

With deep sorrow, we announce the death of our dear mother and grandmother

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The Family in Israel and Caracas, Venezuela

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**ESTHER GOLDMAN**

Erev Rosh Hashana 5736.

**MARGERY BENTWICH**

has passed away.

The funeral will be held today, Tuesday, September 28, 1976, at 4 p.m., at Zichron Yaakov Cemetery.

THE FAMILY

# Troops surround home of Rabbi Levinger

Jerusalem Post Staff  
A large army force was still surrounding the home of Rabbi Moshe Levinger in Kiryat Arba late last night, waiting for him to give himself up to the military government, for disobeying an order restricting his movement. Gush Emunim people were moving back and forth between the house and the surrounding troops, apparently to negotiate the terms of Levinger's "surrender."

On Friday, Rabbi Levinger was handed an order by the Military Governor, forbidding him access to Hebron except during the hours of prayer at the Tomb of the Patriarchs. Rabbi Levinger tore up the order in front of the officer, claiming that all of Israel was open to every Jew.

Many of Kiryat Arba's residents, prayed during Rosh Hashana at the Synagogue of Abraham, a 400-year-old structure in the heart of the old Jewish Quarter of Hebron. The synagogue had been neglected for years, and members of Gush Emunim and Bnei Akiva cleaned it up and moved in ritual objects and benches for the High Holy Days.

Rabbi Levinger participated in the Rosh Hashana services there and thus violated the order handed to him last Friday.

On Sunday night the Army removed the equipment from the synagogue and left a force at the site. This enraged the Kiryat Arba residents, who thought that they had held services with the Military Governor's permission.

However, senior military sources told an Itim reporter yesterday that the governor had merely authorized the removal of garbage from the synagogue site, but not its restoration and use as a synagogue.

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A Beduin youth entertains children who have just moved into a new housing project in Ramat Aviv, near Tel Aviv. When the 620 young families moved into their new homes, they found that several Beduin families had pitched tents near the new project. The children were fascinated by the Beduin youths, who soon found themselves on the best of terms with their new neighbours.

# Truckers offered credit to pay insurance premiums

By YITZHAK OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV.—Trucking firms will receive a credit which will allow them to make their no-fault insurance premium payments in installments rather than in one lump sum in advance, the Transport Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

Trucking sources were not available for comment on the proposal last night. In the past, the trucks have opposed government credits, which, with interest, would increase policy cost 25-35 per cent over the increased premium to be covered.

Trucking Board spokesman Shabtai Raviv told The Post yesterday that trucking industry representatives are scheduled to meet with the Efrat Committee, the special subcommittee of the Knesset Finance Committee investigating the new no-fault law, tomorrow, to lay out their objections to the compulsory statute.

As do other drivers, the truckers object to the size of the premium increase, which amounts to more than 100 per cent in most cases. The cash payment provision, the trucks assert, will cost them an additional 25-35 per cent in interest on loans on the ministry-offered credit.

Up to now, they have been able to pay in interest-free monthly installments. Most drivers, even those who have not paid the 30 per cent advance on the new premium required under a compromise reached with the insurers last week, are covered by the new no-fault insurance. Only those who have received bills for the 30 per cent, those whose insurance has expired or will expire before November 24, and those who have taken out new insurance must pay the increased premium to be covered.

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to the Dan bus co-op to help it pay its insurance bill. Patt noted that when Dan decided to buy up United Tours a few weeks ago, it insisted it was taking the IL30m. required from its surplus revenues.

If Dan was earning such handsome profits, Patt wrote Kargman and Shilo, the Transport Ministry had no right to take taxpayer's money and give it to the Dan co-op as a free gift.

Patt wrote that with current bank loan rates now between 35 per cent and 40 per cent per annum, the Transport Ministry's decision to lend Dan IL7m. for insurance, at 22 per cent, was an outright gift at public expense worth at least IL1m. to the rich co-op.

Patt said he could hardly object to Egged getting such help since Egged was long overdue, and to all intents and purposes a bankrupt enterprise. He said that even though Egged got IL200m. earlier in the year as interim financing, until it started selling property to cover its debts, it had not taken a single step in that direction.

(See "A Patch," back page)

# West Bank bus-taxi strike ends

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Limited bus and taxi service in East Jerusalem and the West Bank is to resume today, after public transportation firms and the military government yesterday arrived at an interim agreement to end a three-day strike protesting the new no-fault insurance law.

Some of the buses and taxis will be running this morning, with full service to be restored by tomorrow. During the strike, the movement of West Bank workers to jobs inside Israel was limited severely. Serious disruptions in traffic were reported from several West Bank towns. East Jerusalem buses, most of which are registered in West Bank towns, also were at a standstill.

The temporary agreement reached yesterday provides for a one-month grace period, during which all buses and taxis will be insured. In the interim, authorities have undertaken to work out a formula for the new insurance premium.

Compulsory no-fault insurance went into effect on the West Bank last Friday, the same day that it did in Israel. According to Itim, West Bank bus and cab companies have the option of insuring themselves for three months, on payment of 25 per cent of the premium.

# UK Labour meet at Blackpool

By MARK SEGAL  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON.—Britain's ruling Labour Party met in conference at Blackpool yesterday as the pound fell lower than ever before in its chequered history.

Economists fear that large owners of sterling accounts, especially Arab oil sheikhs, are pulling out their deposits in a panic at the prospect of left-wing ascendancy at the conference.

The left, led by Energy Secretary Tony Benn, has posed a challenge to Premier James Callaghan's leadership by seeking nationalization of major banks and insurance companies. Callaghan should survive what is expected to be a rough handling for his government's economic policy, with opposition focusing on one and a half million unemployed. But Britain's impending application for another loan from the International Monetary Fund must bring tough economic measures, and Callaghan's test is how well he can sell this dimming prospect to his restless party rank and file.

(See "Sterling," Page 7)

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## Police support for Arab strike to

Jerusalem Post Staff  
Police in the North have preventive measures any possible disturbance two-hour strike in Arab cities scheduled for today.

The Arab local striking in protest "Koenig Memorandum," for drastic measures Arab influence in Galilee report was written by of the Interior's officials active in the North, the committee have been urged national committee to services between 10 a.m. today. It is as yet many local authorities part in the strike.

The organizers have that they do not intend to take the violent form. Police have decided to leave for today and to maintain a high level of readiness. It was the Ministry of the Interior, however, the view of the strike not asked the Arab to cancel it.

In Tel Aviv, however, of Local Authorities Chai Mayor Pinhas Chai, as day on all the elected A in local councils and a strike.

In a telegramme sent, the union's Arab Council Mousa, Eylon argues the sector receives "maximum within the union" and the help of the Ministry, a great improvement financial affairs of Arab, eraments has taken place, few years. They have creased operational as w Eylon said that it they understanding" with K would arrange a meeti the local council concern istry personnel to from erces out. "This is a d for all local authorities, Arab and the prob. Arab sector are not m from those of Jewish tages, Eylon said. He that "the level of seic by the local authori the same in the Jewish sectors."

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PETAH TIKVA.—Th petrol station here yeste ing and got away with after they beat up the charge of the station.

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**THE ITALIAN LINER**  
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# RP young guard charges that party supporters cannot vote

SHUA BRILLIANT  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Leaders of the group yesterday charged that the party's 75,000 members who voted in the last Knesset election did not have sufficient say in party elections unless they were to vote in a trade union.

Zevulun Hammer and Ben-Meir also complained that Yitzhak Rabin had been trying to amend the constitution to allow other parties to vote in elections. The committee at a press conference said that the party's 75,000 members could have a say in Israeli politics. The polls show Labour's support has shrunk, and the Likud has shrunk. The NRP may be in a tip of the scales between the two parties.

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Hamitrah's major attraction is its health insurance scheme (given in cooperation with the Histadrut-owned Kupat Holim). People joining this health insurance scheme when it was the only one available, but today many belong to Maccabi or Anasmit or go to private doctors. Since they are not in Hapoel Hamitrah — they cannot join the NRP, it was explained.

"This is an unparalleled absurdity," Hammer told the press conference. "The NRP's best teachers and heads of yeshivot... graduates of Bnei Akiva (the party's youth movement)... vote NRP but are not members" because they don't belong to the proper health scheme. These 75,000 non-members account for six of the party's 12 seats in the Knesset, he noted.

The two also complained that Rabin's faction has been trying to amend the constitution to allow other parties to vote in elections. The committee at a press conference said that the party's 75,000 members could have a say in Israeli politics. The polls show Labour's support has shrunk, and the Likud has shrunk. The NRP may be in a tip of the scales between the two parties.

Yisrael member of Bnei Brak's municipal council and a former mayor of that town, was also on the NRP's voting lists, according to photographs shown to reporters.

"It's untenable that Agudat Yisrael supporters should participate in NRP primaries to determine its leadership. It's immoral," said Hammer.

Prohibiting Agudat Yisrael members from voting would hurt Yitzhak Rabin's faction, which enjoys much support among the ultra-orthodox. His faction has appealed the matter to the internal NRP court.

Hammer and Ben-Meir suggested a census among NRP members. Anyone willing to accept its principles, pay a token fee, and declare he is not a member of any other political party, should be allowed to join the NRP and vote, they said.

A spokesman for Yitzhak Rabin said later this proposal was merely a ploy to postpone the party election until it is too close to the Knesset election. The spokesman also said the convention meeting after the internal elections should decide who qualifies as a party member. But Hammer and Ben-Meir said the census could be completed within a month and elections could be held three weeks later. This is well before party elections, now expected in 180 days.



The remains of Aluf-Mishne Yefim Davidovich are brought to rest in the Mount of Olives cemetery. (Rahamim Yisraeli)

## Colonel Davidovich buried in Jerusalem

Army and ally officials and hundreds of admirers of the late Colonel Yefim Davidovich came yesterday to the Mount of Olives for the funeral of the former Russian officer, who died in Minsk after harassment by the KGB.

Davidovich was awarded the Israel rank of aluf-mishne after his coffin was transported from the Soviet Union for a permanent burial in Jerusalem.

The funeral was held with full military honors, with a guard of paratroopers accompanying the command-car that carried Davidovich's coffin.

The Chief Army Chaplain, Aluf Mordechai Piron, conducted the ceremony and said "Kaddish." Present at the funeral were: Absorption Minister Shlomo Rosen; Uzi Narkis, head of the Aliya and Absorption Department in the Jewish Agency; Menahem Begin, Likud MK; and a former comrade-in-arms of Davidovich, Col. Nahum Olschansky.

The IDF has in the meantime decided to award honorary rank to any officer who was stripped of a rank held in another country because of his Zionist activity or opinions. The new rank will be the IDF equivalent of the rank taken away by the foreign power. (Itim)

## Moscow police didn't interfere with Rosh Hashara worshippers

MOSCOW. — Moscow Jews were able to celebrate in the street outside the city's synagogue without police interference after the Rosh Hashara service last Friday evening, eyewitnesses said yesterday.

Last year, police diverted traffic through Arkhipov Street in central Moscow — normally fairly free of cars — in order to stop Jews gathering there as they came out of the synagogue. One girl was knocked down and injured by a car.

But this year, police blocked off the street to traffic and Jews were able to congregate and dance in the

roadway, the eyewitnesses said. They added that the police attitude towards the celebrators was unusually polite this year.

A capacity crowd of about 600 Jews attended the Friday night service which was led, as usual, by Rabbi Ya'acov Fishman. Additional services were held on Saturday morning.

The only note of controversy this year was struck by Tass, which said two Jewish organizations in the U.S. had begun a campaign to send letters and postcards of support to Soviet Jews at the new year.

In an article released last Friday evening, Tass said this was an "unseemly scandal."

Meanwhile, sources in New York have learned that Mikhail Tandelnik has stepped down as president of the synagogue, health and currently is under treatment at a sanatorium. Past president Ephraim Kaplan, 81, and Schulim Kleinman, 65, have been designated as the new leaders of the synagogue. (JTA, Reuter)

## Nikrasov arrives for Babi Yar memorial

By SARAH BONIG  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — One of the most renowned Soviet authors in exile, Victor Nikrasov, arrived in Israel yesterday morning to take part in a memorial service for the Babi Yar massacre. The service will be held in Jerusalem tomorrow to mark the 35th anniversary of the Nazi massacre.

Nikrasov is reputed to be of equal literary stature to Solzhenitsyn, although, unlike the latter, his name is not a household word in the West. He left Kiev for Paris two years ago.

Outspoken in his protests against Soviet anti-Semitism, he opposed plans for a park which would cover the massacre site at Babi Yar. He has made it a point to take part in all the unofficial and often clandestine Jewish memorial services held at the site.

A few years ago the KGB had begun to harass him constantly and only his literary fame is said to have saved him from a fate similar to that of other dissenters. Nikrasov explained at the time that he decided to leave the USSR "because the regime made life stifling and all creative processes impossible."

Today he is deputy editor of a Russian publication in Paris. Nikrasov came here with his wife. This is their first visit to Israel.

In New York, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported yesterday that Dr. Alexander Minkushin, a Kiev psychiatrist who now works as a general practitioner in a Kiev hospital, had his schedule changed to make it impossible for him to attend a memorial ceremony in the USSR tomorrow. The NCSJ said Minkushin, a Jewish activist, was told he must work a double shift that day and cannot leave the hospital. The NCSJ said this was another example of the Soviet authorities' attempts to prevent the ceremony from being held.

## MAN KILLED IN GAZA BRAWL

GAZA. — Nine persons have been arrested by the Gaza police after a man was stabbed to death in a feud that broke out between two families in the Shati refugee camp near Gaza on Friday.

Muhammed Ismail Mahmud Najjar, 26, was killed and nine other persons were wounded in a brawl between two families in the camp at the start of the Id el-Fitr celebrations. The police intervened and the wounded persons were taken to hospital. (Itim)

## Change pay equalization studied by committee

ABON SITNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Investigating about switching use he might lose pay benefits would be under a new plan enunciated by Labour Minister Moshe

Yesterday told the Ministry of Employment, that a top-level committee will soon be possible of worker transfer compensation.

The "overriding" of the switchers to switch from the production jobs," said the committee. "The job change, entail a cut in pay of some valuable, so

Baram said he had appointed a committee of directors-general of various Government ministries and had asked them to recommend a plan for a centralized worker transfer compensation fund. "If established," the minister said, "the fund would be used to equalize a worker's take-home pay at his new job with that he enjoyed at his old place of employment. In addition, the fund would compensate the transferring worker for any loss in fringe benefits, including pension rights, vacation pay and other extras."

Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz noted that many construction workers are being laid off, "as we planned... but at the same time there is too much hidden unemployment in too many industrial firms."

## Year in jail for foreign currency fraud

TEL AVIV. — A Bnei Brak resident was sentenced yesterday to a year in jail by the District Court here for having fraudulently obtained a \$45,000 Treasury allotment and for unauthorized trafficking in foreign currency.

The accused man, Yitzhak Ben-David, admitted to having visited 48 tourist agencies in December and January and purchasing 100 travel tickets to various European countries, on his own passport and those of his brother and a woman friend.

He paid the travel tax on the tickets, then obtained his foreign currency allotments from different banks. This currency, he further admitted, was later sold by him on Rehov Lilienblum here for Israeli pounds.

According to the computation of Judge Shymon Cohen, Ben-David made a profit of 113 on every dollar. However, he is stuck with the tickets, as no travel agency will take them back without the accompanying dollar allotment.

The judge refused a prosecution request to confiscate the tickets. (Itim)

## Congressmen urge end to terrorism of Argentine Jews

WASHINGTON. — Fifty-six members of the House of Representatives, representing both parties, have signed a letter calling on President George Rafael Videla of Argentina "to make every effort to end anti-Semitic terrorism in your country."

The letter, initiated by Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D-N.Y.), was signed by 48 Democrats and six Republicans. Others may sign it before it is transmitted, probably today, to Buenos Aires.

Expressing their "deep concern" about the "shootings and bombings of Jewish institutions and businesses in Argentina" and the kidnapping of several prominent Jews, the letter says that these "incidents of violent anti-Semitism" are "repugnant to Americans and people of good will everywhere." It noted that Videla himself had "expressed opposition to these actions."

In their letter, the legislators said the attacks "have reportedly been condoned and even encouraged by some groups within the Argentine military and police forces." It also stated that "the distribution of Nazi literature within Argentina has increased sharply in recent months."

## IAI to exhibit in W. German show

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Israel Aircraft Industries will show some of its new radar and electronics equipment to the world at Expo '76 — a worldwide exhibition of military electronics that will be held next month in Wiesbaden, Germany.

The man in charge of IAI's foreign contacts, Elkanah Gali, said that among the items in the IAI pavilion there will be a radar system developed for aircraft by Elta, a subsidiary of IAI, and a military computer that can be used on land, sea and air.

Other items the IAI is showing are a high-frequency ground-air communications system, automatic checking apparatus for fighter aircraft, an electronic warning system for border fences, and the control system of the Gabriel missile. (Itim)

## Circle at Hanasi

problem will be analyzed by 40 Arab intelligence leaders who will meet at the President's residence, Beit Hanasi, in a meeting place for a discussion group.

Four, the President's oratory affairs, is forming

## International circuit next for Israeli tennis players

By JACK LEON  
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel's 1977 Davis Cup tennis team, fresh from a 5-0 defeat by Holland, returns here today to begin preparations for the autumn international circuit of tournaments.

The string of tournaments, seventh sponsored by the Israel Lawn Tennis Association, begins on October 6 with an invitational tourney at the new Netanya Maccabi courts. Then come a tournament at Haifa's Carmel Country Club (October 8-11), and the 45th annual Israel International Championships, October 12-16 at Ramat Hasharon. For the juniors, the National Junior Championships begin October 7 at Ramat Hasharon.

So far, players from Sweden and Australia have confirmed their entry in the international circuit, which is expected to have a total entry of about eight overseas guests.

The Israelis did less well than expected against the Dutch. Yair Wertheimer, who took Fred Hemmes to five sets before succumbing in the opening singles on Friday, was a three-set victim to Louk Sanders in Sunday's final day of matches. Shlomo Glickstein also fell in straight sets to Hemmes. In Saturday's doubles, the Dutch also won in three sets over the Wertheimer-Glickstein combination.

The second-round tie in the 1977 competition was played at Beekhuizen. Israel qualified for the match by defeating Turkey 5-0 here last week.

Meanwhile, Adriano Panatta scored a four-set 5-7, 8-6, 6-4, 6-2 victory over Australia's John Newcombe to propel Italy into the final of the 1976 Davis Cup competition. The Italians now will meet Chile for the championship.

In a match postponed by darkness on Sunday, tied in sets 1-1, Panatta showed the form which won him the French and Italian championships earlier this year to sweep past Newcombe. Until Panatta's victory, Italy and Australia had been tied 3-2 in the best-of-five series.

Meanwhile, former national tennis coach Ronald Steele, of Australia, left Israel last week, after spending four months here setting up the Ramat Hasharon Tennis Centre's ambitious youth training programme.

Steele — who coached here between 1970 and 1972 — told The Jerusalem Post he had found the standard of play among boys was generally lower than when he was last in Israel. However, there had been a definite advance in the girls' game, particularly in the younger age categories.

Among the boys Steele was most impressed with is current under-15 champion, Shalom Peretz of Haifa Carmel. He was also full of praise for former top junior Wertheimer, now 21, and Ian Sherr, Glickstein and Shai Puni, all of whom are between 17 and 19 and are "certainly world-class players in their age groups."

## UJA heads score Sharon statement

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Leaders of the United Jewish Appeal have protested a statement by Aluf (res.) Ariel Sharon to an American Jewish audience two weeks ago that, "if I were you, I would not give a dollar to the UJA or Bonds."

UJA general chairman Frank Lautenberg and executive vice-chairman Irving Bernstein have sent a telegram to Jewish Agency executive chairman Yosef Almog demanding that Sharon's statements be discussed at the next meeting of the Agency's Board of Governors.

The two UJA leaders wrote to Almog that Sharon was not helping the effort to forge strong ties between American and Israeli Jewry. "It would only seem right that a man with such fortitude as Ariel Sharon directly face the people he criticizes."

Addressing the Zionist Organization of America conference in New York earlier this month, Sharon said "I would not give a dollar to the UJA or Bonds." He added that American Jews should instead come with a billion and a half dollars and set up a town or other large enterprise according to American standards of living and behaviour.

Agency Treasurer Arya Dulzin (of the Liberal Party in the Likud) said yesterday that he rejects the position stated by Sharon, who was the chief initiator of the Likud bloc.

## Musrara youth club gets Abergil back

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Reuven Abergil, the Black Panther leader acquitted two weeks ago of charges of extortion and drug possession, has returned to work as the director of a youth club in Jerusalem's Musrara quarter.

There was some doubt last week whether Abergil could return to work because the District Court, indicated the witnesses testifying against Reuven, his brother and another defendant had "lost their courage" at the last minute and told "less than the truth" for fear of reprisal. Still Eliezer Abergil was convicted of extortion and possession of dangerous drugs and sentenced to four years in prison.

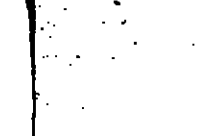
The municipal legal adviser checked the court decision regarding Reuven, noting that the acquittal required the city to take him back. Abergil had been suspended since criminal charges were filed against him in January.

Reuven's superior at the municipality, Ya'acov Gil, head of the youth and sports department, said it was important "to distinguish the person from the legal process." Some risk was involved in rehabilitation — in keeping Abergil from dropping out of society. "We knew Reuven wasn't an angel when we took him on," Gil said. "As long as the formal process hasn't found him guilty, we'll be glad to have him back."

Dr. A. Berman, chairman of the Israel Anti-Nazi Fighters' Movement, to the conference plenum was warmly received. Participants at the conference, who came from 20 European countries, marched to the Warsaw Ghetto memorial and laid wreaths there.

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## Ford aide raps timing of contributions probe

GRAND RAPIDS. — Reports that money from two maritime unions went to President Gerald Ford after passing through Republican committees in his home district were checked thoroughly almost three years ago, a high-ranking aide to the President said yesterday.

Philip Buchen, Special Counsel to the President and his former law partner, said the records under study by the Watergate special prosecutor "are the same ones" which were examined thoroughly in 1973 by 350 agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Buchen, in a telephone interview from the White House with "The Grand Rapids Press," called the investigation's timing "deplorable" since less than six weeks remain before the presidential election. The counsel said the current probe's implication "seems to be that the committees received money from the unions, ran down to the bank and gave it to Mr. Ford."

Charles Ruff, the Watergate special prosecutor, is reported to have subpoenaed records of the Seafarers International Union Officers of the Maritime Engineers Beneficial Association confirmed that their records were subpoenaed, although Ruff has not confirmed he issued any subpoenas.

"The New York Times" reported in its Sunday edition that Ruff's investigation is centered on whether funds from the unions were "laundered" through local Republican organizations in Ford's home county

in Michigan between 1964 and 1974. Available records show that Ford received \$7,500 from the Maritime Engineers in 1973 and about \$4,500 in 1970. The local GOP was given \$4,500 by that union in 1970. Exact figures on donations from the Seafarers were unavailable.

Ford, currently concluding a swing across the Southern states, said yesterday that, if elected, he intends to "stamp out the threat of political terrorism." He told a meeting of law-enforcement officers that in the first 100 days of his next administration he would give top priority to Federal anti-crime legislation, and charged that "Congress has done nothing" about a series of anti-crime proposals he has submitted.

In San Francisco, meanwhile, former California governor Ronald Reagan said on Sunday that he was offered the vice-presidency during the 1968 Republican convention in Miami Beach. He refused to elaborate on the offer but said he had turned it down because he wanted to maintain his "political independence." Richard Nixon was the party's candidate in the 1968 election, and his running-mate was Spiro Agnew.

Reagan, a strong contender in the recent primary campaign, also repeated earlier statements that he had not been approached by Ford as a vice-presidential running-mate at the Republican Convention in Kansas City last month. He said he would not have accepted even if offered the post. (AP)

## 'Scranton tipped to replace K.'

NEW YORK. — William Scranton, the U.S. ambassador to the UN, has been told he's in line to become Secretary of State should Gerald Ford be elected president in November, "Newsweek" magazine says.

The U.S. news-magazine, in its October 4 issue, attributed the report to unidentified close friends of Scranton. The report also said that Scranton is eager for the job.

"Newsweek" said the appointment might be delayed until spring, to give Secretary of State Henry Kissinger a chance to complete an arms-limitation treaty with the Soviet Union. (AP)

## British arrest Soviet trawler

PLYMOUTH, England. — A Royal Navy minesweeper yesterday put an armed party aboard a 2,500-ton Soviet trawler allegedly caught fishing inside Britain's 12-mile limit and escorted the ship into Plymouth harbour.

The trawler Dmkiya had been spotted Sunday night off the Scilly Isles by HMS Soberton, which was on fishery-protection patrol. British fishery officials were yesterday investigating the alleged violation.

A big fleet of East Bloc trawlers has been fishing for mackerel off southwest England for the last two weeks, angering Cornish fishermen. The latter claim that each of the trawlers can catch in a day the equivalent of a week's catch of the entire Cornish fishing fleet.

Cornish fishermen have been campaigning for the last two years for a 200-mile fishing limit. The alternative, the fishermen say, is that the entire mackerel fishing industry will be wiped out through over-fishing. (UPI, AP)

## 50 hurt in Bordeaux train collision

BORDEAUX, France. — Fifty persons were injured in a train collision at the Bordeaux railway station on Sunday night. Officials said 38 were hospitalized and 12 treated on the scene and released. The accident happened about 10 p.m., when a six-car train bound from Nantes to Vignatville bearing hundreds of passengers moved backward to hook up with three empty cars in the station and slammed into them.

Authorities said either the passenger-laden train was moving too fast, or that radio communications broke down between the engineer and the trainman directing operations from the platform. (UPI)

## 5 Greek officers in torture trial

ATHENS. — Five senior officers of the Greek police force, two of them still on active service, appeared before a civil court yesterday, charged with torturing and maiming political prisoners during the military regime which collapsed in July, 1974.

The trial is the last of a series in which army and police officers have answered charges of torture during the military regime.

The five officers, including retired police force Lieutenant-General Constantine Karabatsos and Xenophon Tsavara, face up to five years' imprisonment on each charge. (Reuters)

## Defeated Kurdish leader: K. vetoed Israel call for Kurd attack

By WOLF BLITZER

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Israel asked the Kurdish rebels to open up a new front against Iraq during the Yom Kippur War, but Secretary of State Henry Kissinger secretly asked the Kurds not to do so, according to a report published here.

The reason was that the Secretary did not want Israel to win a smashing victory over the Arabs, the report said.

This is reported in the current issue of "New York" magazine, in a lengthy article about Mulla Mustafa Barazani, the Kurdish leader who has lived in exile in Iran since Iraq's victory over the Kurds last year. The "New York" article is written by Aaron Latham, who went to Iran to interview Barazani.

According to the report, Israel had quietly sought Kurdish involvement against Iraq during the first two weeks of the war, when Israel was caught by surprise and was suffering substantial losses. Israel presumably hoped that the Kurds could keep the Iraqis occupied elsewhere, according to Latham.

Barazani, who was anxious to open a new campaign against Iraq, and believed the time might be ripe for success, was ready to do so until he received a message, via the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), from Kissinger, asking him not to intervene.

Latham quotes from the October 16, 1973 memorandum Kissinger is said to have sent to the CIA: "You should... send the following reply immediately to the Kurds — We do not, repeat not, consider it advisable for you to undertake the offensive military action that the Israeli Government has suggested to you."

According to Latham, Kissinger was anxious that Israel not win a clear-cut military victory so that he would be able to "impose the shape he desired on the Middle East."

Latham said that Kissinger's order to Barazani was "a disservice to two allies: the Kurds and the Israelis. The Kurds were deprived of what might have been a dramatic military success. And the Israelis, who had begged Barazani to join the fight, were deprived of the Kurds' help in waging war on the Arabs."

## General strike paralyses Spain's Basque region

MADRID. — A general strike by more than 250,000 workers yesterday paralysed most of Spain's tense Basque region.

The work-stoppages were called to commemorate the first anniversary of the Franco regime's execution of two Basque separatists and three Maoists.

The strike was also aimed at gaining a government concession of a "total amnesty" that would free imprisoned Basque guerrillas and others not affected by King Juan Carlos' partial amnesty in August. Steel mills, ship yards, docks, mines, appliance factories, paper mills, and other plants in the four Basque provinces fell silent and the strikes increased as the day progressed.

Heavy police and paramilitary units stood by at many points. The forces were especially heavy at the villages of Zarautz and Aspetia, home-towns of the two executed Basques.

No clashes were reported, but there were scattered incidents on Sunday.

"The strike is bigger than it was two weeks ago," one member of an illegal union in the industrial centre of Bilbao said.

The Bilbao area contains the largest concentration of Basque workers. Strike leaders there called on the workers to lay down their tools but then to go to their homes rather than try to demonstrate.

The executions last year, on the order of Generalissimo Francisco Franco, sparked a wave of protests throughout Europe. Fifteen countries temporarily withdrew their ambassadors.

The five executed men were convicted in summary military court martial of assassinating policemen. (UPI)

## Corsicans shoot legionnaire

CORTE, Corsica. — Corsican separatists — blaming French Foreign Legion deserters for the slaying of two shepherd brothers — on Sunday night shot and wounded a Legion commander's villa, causing damage but no injuries. It was not known if the commander was home at the time.

There are about 3,000 Legionnaires on Corsica, Napoleon's birthplace, which lies off the western coast of Italy, and their presence is much resented.

Sunday's discovery of the murdered shepherds came on the eve of the trial of two West German legionnaires, Wolfgang Librau, 22, and Manfred Brych, 24, accused of the particularly brutal murder of a 71-year-old woman as they robbed her home. (AP, UPI)

## Congressmen: 'Empty threat' Report Saudi threat of oil cutoff if U.S. bans Arab boycott

WASHINGTON. — A threat to cut off Arab oil to the U.S. if Congress enacts a pending anti-boycott bill is an empty threat that makes no sense, three members of the House of Representatives said yesterday.

The three were acting on reports originating in Cairo that Saudi Arabia, backed by Kuwait, had made the threat on Sunday. The Egyptian report had said it had been conveyed to U.S. officials by Saudi Foreign Minister Saud bin Faisal who is in the U.S. for the UN General Assembly debate.

Yesterday, representatives Benjamin Rosenthal, Jonathan Bingham and Robert Drihan held a news conference here to urge the Administration to enforce policy against the Arab boycott of Israel.

A bill to strengthen the anti-boycott law and make the policy more stringent is now in a House-Senate conference committee.

Bingham, calling the reports "falsified," said such an oil-cutoff "would obviously entail a total block of any more shipments of arms to Saudi Arabia."

He added, "It makes no sense." Rosenthal said, "I myself do not believe this threat."

They said the Administration is failing to enforce existing policy against American firms going along with Arab requests to boycott Israel.

Rosenthal said "participation (in the boycott) is almost total among major U.S. banks doing international business."

The report of the boycott threat came from Egypt's official Middle East News Agency. According to the agency, an official comment for statements from several Arab countries "indicating" that other Arab countries would follow the Saudis' lead in cutting off the flow of oil to the U.S. if the Riyadh government decided on such an action. The news agency attributed its report to unnamed sources in Washington.

Saudi Arabia has lobbied actively against the proposed anti-boycott legislation, but until it is framed by publicly potent weapon, the threat is an empty threat, the three anti-boycott legislators said. A serious irritant in relations, now further aggravated by the Saudi Senate committee vote on major missile-deal.

In a generally disparaging count of the boycott to the U.S., the Egyptian noted that until now have limited themselves to stop importing from contracts to American anti-boycott legislation. The timing of the publicity use the oil embargo agency said, reflects a "tension over the Senate ratification Committee vote on Administration proposal. Saudis 650 Maverick missiles."

The agency said the are the biggest suppliers the U.S., provide 16 per cent of U.S. oil imports. Other the figure is even higher.

Saudi Arabia has a vast cash that would be sustained oil embargo than could such cash powers as Iraq or Libya.

In Kuwait, meanwhile, Finance Minister Abd. Attijl expressed his of the anti-boycott bill by "damm American law."

Interview in his office from his desk with a wave of his hand and will boycott, and we will port anything from states."

"I know the U.S. will they do not export to Attijl, who supervises ment and expenditure vast oil revenues. "But business would suffer." (UPI, Wash.)

## Cambodian premier 'temporarily' replace

BANGKOK. — Cambodian Premier Pol Pot has stepped down temporarily to undergo medical treatment and been replaced by another shadowy Khmer Rouge leader, Nuon Ches, Radio Phnom Penh said yesterday.

The change in government was decided on last week but was made effective yesterday, the broadcast monitored in Bangkok, said.

Pol Pot, who came to power last April 17, had been ill for "a few months," the broadcast said; it did not specify his medical problem. Nuon Ches will keep his title as "President of the Permanent Committee of the Cambodian People's Congress" along with the acting premiership.

With Cambodia virtually sealed off from most of the world, it was not possible to determine whether the change in the top government line-up was actually the result of illness or signalled power shifts within the Khmer Rouge. Little is known to Western analysts about the men. But Pol Pot, who is generally believed to be among the small group of "core" members referred to as "the Organization" that power in Cambodia.

Pol Pot was elected member, People's Congress, representative, reports said he had been a "rubber plantation" But there have been that Pol Pot may, in revolutionary name for a veteran revolutionary be the secretary-general, Cambodian Communist Party.

Almost nothing is known about his successor. An article in the "Economic Review" last Nuon Ches was a veteran whose record stretched to the days when some fought along-side the against the Japanese.

## U.S. will try to deport alleged Nazi killers

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) will attempt to deport seven persons accused of committing murder and other atrocities for the Nazis before and during World War II, INS officials announced yesterday.

INS Commissioner Leonard Chapman said he decided to proceed with the action after agency attorneys interviewed witnesses in Israel. As many as 30 of the Israel witnesses may be brought to the U.S. to testify in the proceedings, officials said.

At a news conference, agency attorneys said the seven men al-

legedly committed the war crimes in Latvia and Lithuania. All came to the U.S. shortly after the war. They declined to identify the seven until filing formal charges against them, probably within 60 days.

Under pressure from some members of Congress, the INS for the last four years has been investigating allegations that war criminals gained admission to the U.S.

INS officials had no estimate of the cost of prosecuting the seven cases. But Chapman said it would cost several hundred thousand dollars to bring about 30 witnesses from Israel to the U.S. to testify. (AP)

## 'Foxbat' not a miracle plane

By JOHN SAAE  
The Washington Post  
TOKYO. — Preliminary study of the top-secret Soviet Mig-25 interceptor, flown to northern Japan by a Soviet defector shows it to be a "manned rocket" stripped of all essentials — including a pilot-ejection seat — informed sources said yesterday.

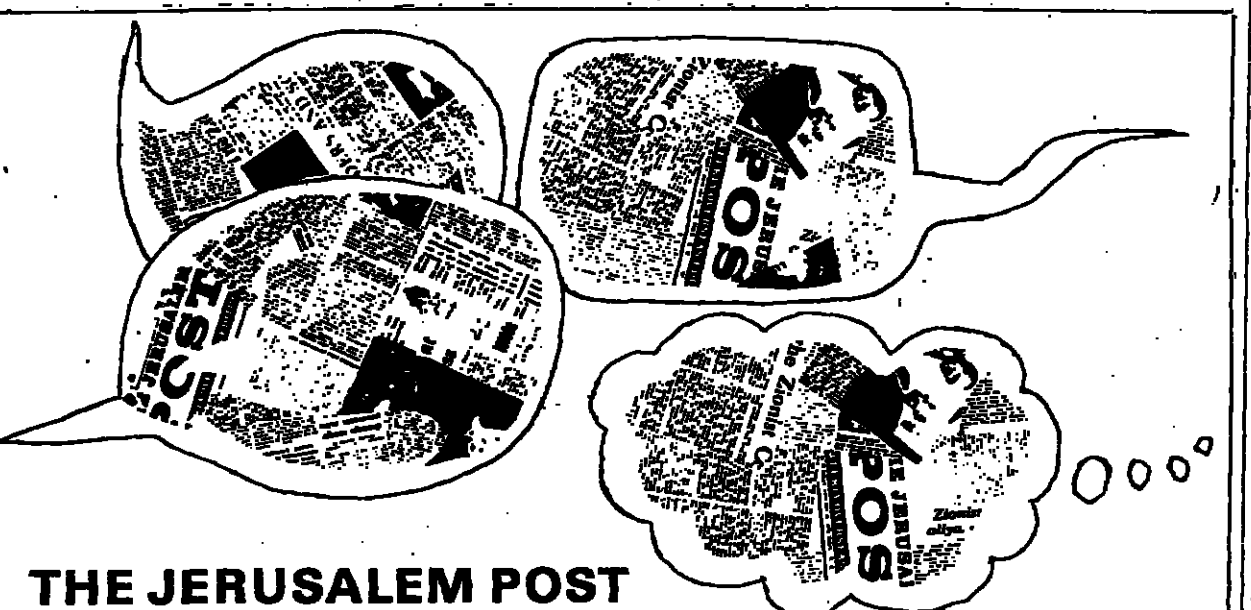
A well-informed Japanese said, "It's good enough, but it's no longer a miracle plane to us."

The "Foxbat" interceptor, stripped of its wings, was flown over the week-end to a Japanese airbase near here in the belly of a U.S. C-54 Galaxy transport from Hakodate, where Soviet pilot Viktor Belenko had landed it on September 6. Over Russian protests of increasing stridency, a joint team of Japanese and American air force combat aviation experts had spent 10 days dismantling the Foxbat in a makeshift hangar on Hakodate's commercial airport. Instrumentation is described as

frugal and obsolescent by current U.S. standards. And the cockpit, stripped of all but the essentials to conserve weight and space, does not contain an ejection seat to blow the pilot and his parachute-equipped seat clear of the plane in an emergency.

In 1973, U.S. Secretary of the Air Force Dr. Robert Seamans described the "Foxbat" as "probably the best interceptor in production in the world today." There is now some superficial evidence that its performance may have been over-rated. The sources caution however that reconnaissance versions of the Mig-25 — like those which outdistanced Israeli Phantoms over Sinai in 1971-72 — may have a higher maximum speed.

Parts of the Mig were found to be steel alloy — heavier and less favoured than the expected titanium. The aerodynamic finish of the plane was "rough," the sources said, but the essentials, particularly the two engines, were of fine quality.



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## Plundered lands want their treasures back

LONDON. — Pakistan has little chance of recovering the 109-carat Koh-i-Noor diamond, which has been gleaming like a headlamp in the British royal crown since 1890 when it was given to Queen Victoria after Britain annexed the Punjab.

Premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto recently asked for the gem back, but Parliament anticipated such requests back in 1963, when it passed the British Museum Act preventing imperial mementos from leaving England's ownership.

But Pakistan's dilemma is only one case among scores, mainly of poor or Third World countries who feel they've been plundered in the past and want their treasures back. So serious has the matter become that Unesco is sponsoring a conference on the subject of confiscated works of art in Nairobi at the end of November.

Yugoslavia has requested a discussion on the subject and other Third World countries are believed ready to take it up. The Swedish Unesco Council has approved a study report on "restitution of cultural objects" which suggests negotiations for such returns should be handled bilaterally under an overall international agreement which Unesco would supervise.

Jens Cavallin, secretary of the Swedish group, said that as far as he knows this is the first report of its kind. What Britain and other major holders of antiquities fear is that it may not be the last.

"If we were given back our archaeological treasures," said a Cairo.

Greek government spokesman, "most of the museums around the world would be deemed of treasures."

He said Greece has repeatedly proposed at Unesco meetings that those nations that now hold works of great significance to other countries should lend them from time to time for short periods to their original owners without losing their own title.

"We do not want to take the Elgin marbles (the frieze of the Parthenon) from the British Museum," he said. "But it would not hurt if they were brought here and exhibited with the other art work of the Parthenon. The same could apply to the Greek treasures of the Louvre, such as the Venus de Milo and the Victory of Samothrace."

Egypt, plundered by practically everyone in the past, has not asked Britain for the return of the Rosetta Stone, which solved the mystery of Egyptian hieroglyphics. But it did once ask Germany to give back the coloured limestone bust of beautiful Queen Nefertiti, wife of King Ichnaton, which was discovered by a German expedition in 1912.

However, Adolf Hitler said no, and the matter has been in abeyance since.

Napoleon and numerous archaeologists and amateurs have taken so much from Egypt that a general return would be impossible. But the Egyptians know where their most desirable relics are — the British Museum, for example, has the finest collection outside

Ethiopia has asked Italy for the return of an obelisk taken from its sacred city of Axum by Benito Mussolini's fascist forces in the war of 1935-6.

Hungary yearns for the return of the 1,000-year-old royal crown of St. Stephen, believed taken to the U.S. for safekeeping after World War II.

The Hungarians believe it is in Fort Knox — where it is safe enough, they agree, though not where it should be.

Sheltered behind its sacredness, the British Museum not only the Elgin marbles, the laws of Cyrus, four Iranian empire 2,500 years, Benin bronzes, among the works of art ever produced in Nigeria; and innumerable items that would be in other countries.

But so have all the of the world, things stand now, they keep them.

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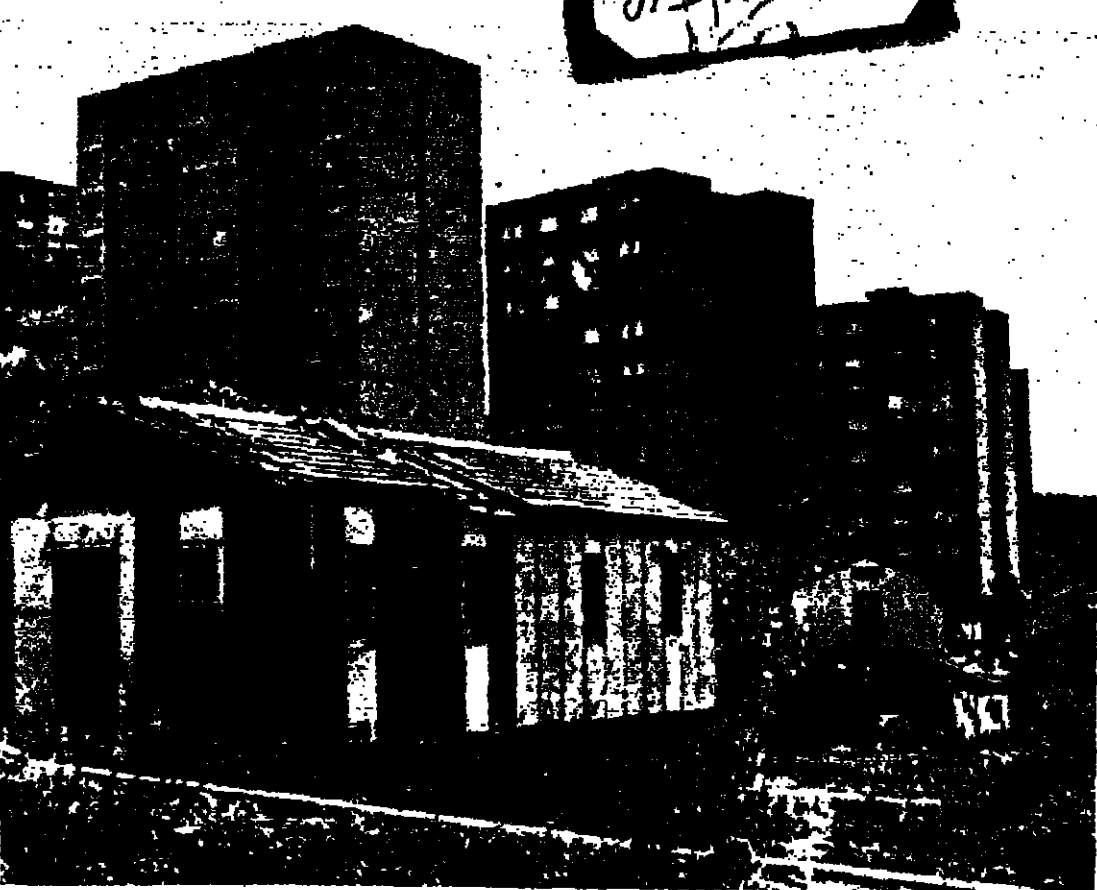
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abaret to high-rise cement blocks — but is the change all that much for the better? (Israel Sun)

## Urban planning — for whom?

After over 30 years of building, our Government and municipal agents have still not learned much about the human aspects of creating new neighbourhoods, according to Dr. Eliezer D. Jaffe. We are still building unimaginative cement boxes and populating them in the same impersonal, bureaucratic way, he charges.

URING of four major suburbs in Jerusalem within the past 20 years is looked upon as an engineering feat. Many even Jerusalemers are unfamiliar with Gilo to the city, East Talpuz to the north, Neve Ya'akov to the west (Nebi Samuel) to the east, and Ramat Gan to the south. These suburbs, newer than the old, are still not as integrated as the old. The Minister of Housing, Neve Ya'akov, in his Ministry, has developed a whole new approach to urban planning. He has moved from the old, impersonal, and way in which we built the transit villages in the early 1960's, to a more integrated, mixed different populations into new, or about how to use the land as a dynamic vehicle of families, or how to participate in neighbourhoods. Government agencies, municipal, continue to build, knowing all the while that it is good for the city. Indigenous neighbourhoods are often ignored and feared, rather than integrated. Professional advice aspects of integration is rarely sought. The housing can count the social psychologists, the family education scientists now on the

payroll of its Planning Division, on the fingers of one hand. There is always a human price paid for the incessant lack of cooperation and quarrelling between Government agencies and the blunders they make. Neve Ya'akov is a classic example. Poor families from former slum areas are concentrated at the lower, eastern slope of the "town," removed from services near the entrance to the neighbourhood up on the hill, nearly three bus-stops away. Basic social services are tucked away into inadequately renovated, temporary apartments sprinkled around the community. The recreation services are still in prefabs, and rooms have been appropriated by the residents for synagogues of the various ethnic groups. Budget and equipment for community organization work is sparse and miserly distributed, and most of all, personal counselling on a variety of problems and a sense of community have not been fostered enough. Both the Ministry of Housing and the Jerusalem Municipality are responsible for these conditions. Neither has provided the essential infrastructure of human services necessary for residents of the "development suburbs," (my designation) nor have they conceptualized a clear master plan and evaluation programme for populating them. The municipality has created "Centres for Local Services" (Machshavim) in each development suburb which house social workers, information services, and the family education committee. In practice, these "centres" are

## Dance / Joan Cass Not enough feeling

THE HAMBURG STATE Ballet devoted its entire programme to Gustav Mahler on Sunday in Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'Oma. It was a mistake.

John Neumeier again proved to be an excellent craftsman, as had been shown in his company's 1974 visit. Similarly, his dancers were of fine calibre and well-rehearsed. But in this full evening visualization of Mahler's Third Symphony, there was not enough feeling, not enough interest — not enough life — to warrant their effort and our time. Mahler's music is unsuitable for most dance, which requires a stronger rhythmic pulse for support and sparser sonorities to leave breathing, stretching room for the movement. For some reason, this composer is now "in" with choreographers. I have yet to see his scores used for satisfying dance. The ballet was from a man's viewpoint. There were the recurring movements and theme of a man lying on the ground, dreaming, remembering or wanting the figures around him. And the entire first half ("Yesterday") involved a large group of men only. This second half was particularly static. Even the occasional leaps and piroettes seemed frozen. The dance was carefully, inventively staged in varied lines and groupings and added and subtracted figures, but all feeling of spontaneity was screened out. Nothing happened.

In the second half, girls and boys together in pretty yellow, pink, blue and red tunics or leotards, seemed to promise action. But here, except for the pleasantness of a lighter, quicker movement attack, there was again a long series of changing positions with little to involve the viewer. Except near the end, a little female figure in red appeared. Suddenly there was a person to look at, rather than a sleek, marvellously controlled automaton. Zandra Rodriguez danced. I don't think the choreography for her part was particularly different, although I do remember one charming, personal shoulder shrug and head gesture that she seemed to bring with her. Rodriguez brought the stage to life with her dynamism and meaningful movement. Her solo was too short and came after too many dragging sequences of empty motion to lift the ballet into the realm of vital dance experience. But I will always remember Zandra Rodriguez with gratitude for bringing at least that moment of life to the long evening.

## Giving patients a chance to get out of bed

By LEA LEVAVI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

VOLUNTEERS at the Ya'al "club" at the Sheba Medical Centre serve coffee and cake and socialize with patients — giving them a chance to get out of bed and out of the hospital atmosphere.

The "club" was begun during the Yom Kippur War when recuperating soldiers able to get out of bed began wandering around the hospital grounds in the evening with nothing to do. Some of the younger Ya'al women decided to create a place where the soldiers could drink coffee, play games and chat with their families or with the volunteers. The evening "club" has continued and is now open to all patients. Bakers who began donating cakes to the club are still doing so and promise not to stop.

Ya'al — a national organization of hospital volunteers which formerly pronounced its name as Yael — has been working at the Sheba Medical Centre for 16 years. From morning till night, in shifts, volunteers work departments and labs, helping patients and staff. The help given can range from a kind word to a patient, or running an errand for him, to arranging bottles in a lab or doing chores at the request of nurses. Older volunteers who find it difficult to work in the departments sit at the Ya'al clubhouse preparing sterile dressings and rolling cotton to close excised bottles.

This is what Ya'al women do at all hospitals, the chairman of the Sheba Centre group, Shulamit Adin explained. The evening club is an original idea. Separate clubs have been set up in the Rehabilitation Section (because of the difficulties in bringing amputees and paraplegics to the regular club) and in the Psychiatric Service. These clubs, however, are only open a few evenings a week and when they are closed, or when there is a special party or visiting entertainment, all patients are brought to the regular clubhouse, even if they must be carried on stretchers.

## World nudists declare war on Spain

By JOE GANDELMAN  
Special to The Jerusalem Post

MADRID. — SPAIN IS A little behind the rest of Europe.

At least that is the opinion of the International Federation of Nudists, which has called for a 1977 tourism boycott of Spain. Under the battler nudists of the world unite, the IFN charges that Spain is unduly harassing them.

The nudists have been especially upset by a Civil Guard round-up of 51 nudists last June 24 along Calacanda, Playa Royal and other beaches of Ibiza, a Shaggy-like Balearic tale off the Catalan coast. The nudists were then fined 3,000 pesetas (about \$160) each.

An IFN convention in Germany in August, attended by delegates from 24 countries plus 3,000 "observers" (all unclothed), the organization declared "war" on Spain and on Italy, which it said was "underdeveloped towards naturism."

But despite the nudists' charges, Spain is definitely no longer a nation of prudish: tourism has been Spain's silent moral and political revolution.

Under the regime of Gen. Francisco Franco, the Roman Catholic Church was allowed to regulate morals and lifestyle. Short sleeves and skirts and low-necked dresses were out. Swimming pools were sometimes shut since skimpy bathing suits were taboo. Police halted movies to catch busy lovers. Even foreign comic book heroines' dresses were pencilled a mile longer, and partially bare breasts totally covered in heavily edited Spanish editions (which cut out drawings of kissing altogether).

All this changed, however, as Madrid let tourists trickle in. They played on beaches, splashed cash shamelessly around and smuggled in one-handed morals and ideas.

To be sure, not everyone welcomed the early 1960s foreign invasion. One paper at the time labelled tourist hoards "a grotesque cavalcade of impudence and Tarnism."

But from 1966-69, the number of foreign tourists visiting Spain quadrupled; and by 1973, Spain received 34 million tourists — an number equal to its population.

The result: tourism helped mould a new, often contradictory, Spain. This new Spain was basically middle class and conservative, but it



Topless surfing — but not in Spain.

(Camera Press)

demanded to join Europe by adopting European ways and discarding discredited aspects of Francoism.

International youth had much to do with it: young tourists exposed Spanish students to the outside world. By the mid-fifties a student-opposition-labour coalition emerged to demand change. The "Lenin Spring" of 1966 brought a new press law allowing Lenin, Mao and other banned works to be sold in bookstores. The intellectual dam began to burst.

Economically, tourism sparked land speculation and helped "the economic miracle" that by 1970 gave Spain the highest growth rate in Europe. As multinational corporations poured in, big business sought stability and increased pressures for Spain to join the European Common Market.

The social transformation has been staggering. From 1960-70: 1.5 million Spaniards moved from rural areas to cities where wages were higher, and tourism booming ownership of television sets jumped from 1 per cent to 56 per cent; car ownership from 290,518 to 2,377,726.

And what about morality? The old days seem over.

Spain now boasts one of the youngest Roman Catholic clergy in Europe. The blue-jeaned "sacerdotes" (priests), privately scoffing at the "old" hierarchy, listen to the Spanish language version of "Jesus Christ Superstar" and join hands with workers against Madrid.

Spanish youth have "gone international." There are standing-room-only crowds at Madrid's "Burger King" and vibrating discotheques on student-infested Princesa Avenue. Spanish youth wear skin-tight clothes and have quickly developed a "sex is here to stay — and be enjoyed" attitude. Old taboos — within limits — simply no longer apply.

Spain today is 70 per cent middle class, 70 per cent under 40. A "silent majority" now noisily clamours to "be like the rest of the world." Ironically, tourism is suffering due not only to economic recession but also to uncertainties over the political situation which stem chiefly from this very clamour.

The nudists' charge does not reveal all about the new Spain — a Spain successfully reaching out to Europe, partly because tourists successfully reached out to it.

## Aerosols a health hazard, report confirms

By ROBERT GILLETTE  
The Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON. — Aerosol spray propellants are gradually depleting the earth's protective shield of ozone and thus may lead to an increased risk of skin cancer, a panel of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences confirmed in a report issued on Monday.

Although the Academy panel concluded that selective regulation of fluorocarbon propellants "is almost certain to be necessary," it nevertheless recommended in a long-awaited report that the U.S. Government delay imposing any regulations for up to two years until further research clarifies the degree of hazard posed to life on earth.

Traces of ozone are formed in the stratosphere by solar radiation acting on oxygen molecules. The resulting gas works in turn to shield earth's plants and animals from 99 per cent of the most damaging wavelengths of ultraviolet light. Ozone in the upper air also helps maintain the earth's atmospheric heat balance.

Describing the present scientific

understanding of the aerosol spray problem as "still in considerable disarray," the Academy panel said further research should clarify the issue within a few months.

At the same time, the Academy's committee on the impact of stratospheric change (CIOS) urged Congress to require labelling of spray cans containing the two most worrisome fluorocarbons (designated F-11 and F-12), so that consumers can avoid them if they want.

Americans used about half the world total of 680 million kilos of these two fluorocarbons in 1975. About 380 million kilos, or 56 per cent, were released into the atmosphere by pressing the buttons on cans of antiperspirant, deodorant and hair spray.

The Academy report, the product of 16 months of deliberation, is likely to be regarded by federal regulatory agencies and possibly by those of other nations as the definitive scientific word on an issue of global air pollution that has raged since early 1974.

In a separate but related report, an Academy panel of atmospheric chemists confirmed that chlorine atoms that break free from fluorocarbon propellants under the influence of sunlight are depleting the earth's high-altitude ozone shield by about 0.1 per cent each year.

Dr. Thomas B. Fitzpatrick, a dermatologist at Harvard Medical School and a member of CIOS, noted that the incidence of Melanoma — a highly dangerous form of skin cancer — has been rising 5 to 10 per cent annually in the U.S. Medical researchers, he said, attribute this increase largely to changing habits of fair-skinned persons, susceptible to sunburn, who follow the fashions of thinner clothing, and wear less clothing in leisure time.

Dr. Fitzpatrick and the Academy report suggested that education programmes alerting people to the special dangers of Melanoma and to ways of preventing sunburn might be a much more effective means of slowing the present epidemic than shoring up the ozone layer by banning fluorocarbons.

## Confusion in Catholic church as Pope reaches 80

ITY. — The spiritual world's 650 million revered his 80th year on his flock divided and has guided the Roman church from his apartment looking St. Peter's past 13 years. Global those years have left uneasy about its role and put its future.

He has imposed more the Church than many ever have dreamed hearing the age (80) at decreed that cardinals vote for a new Pontiff.

because he considers them too old. And he appears to be having a harder time than ever keeping his followers on what he considers the right path. The rebellion of conservative French Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre has disturbed the Pope to the point of tears. The Pontiff suspended Lefebvre from his functions in July, but the defiant Frenchman pledged to continue his challenge to the use of the vernacular in the saying of the Mass and other reforms instituted by the 1962-65 Second Vatican Council and the Pope.

Another prelate, the former Archbishop of Hue, Vietnam, in ex-

ile in Europe since 1963, also has stirred controversy. The Vatican excommunicated Archbishop Pierre Martin Ngo Dinh Thuc, brother of the late South Vietnamese Premier Ngo Dinh Diem, after he ordained bishops of his own choice from a small rebel group in Spain last January.

The Archbishop repented and the Vatican announced week ago that the excommunication had been lifted.

But the five bishops that Archbishop Thuc ordained in Seville have in turn been producing more bishops. All 48 bishops of the group, which claims to act on direct instructions from the Virgin Mary, have been excommunicated.

The Pope was also confronted in recent months with the election of some Catholics to the Italian Parliament on the Communist ticket and the dominance of the Communist Party in the Rome city elections. By contrast, prelates close to the Pope reported he was receiving great comfort from news from some Communist countries, including the Soviet Union.

"No one can imagine the width and intensity of religious life in the Soviet Union," Archbishop Roger Etchegaray of Marsenne wrote in his diocesan bulletin this month on returning from a Russian tour. "It is no doubt the greatest volcano of Christianity."

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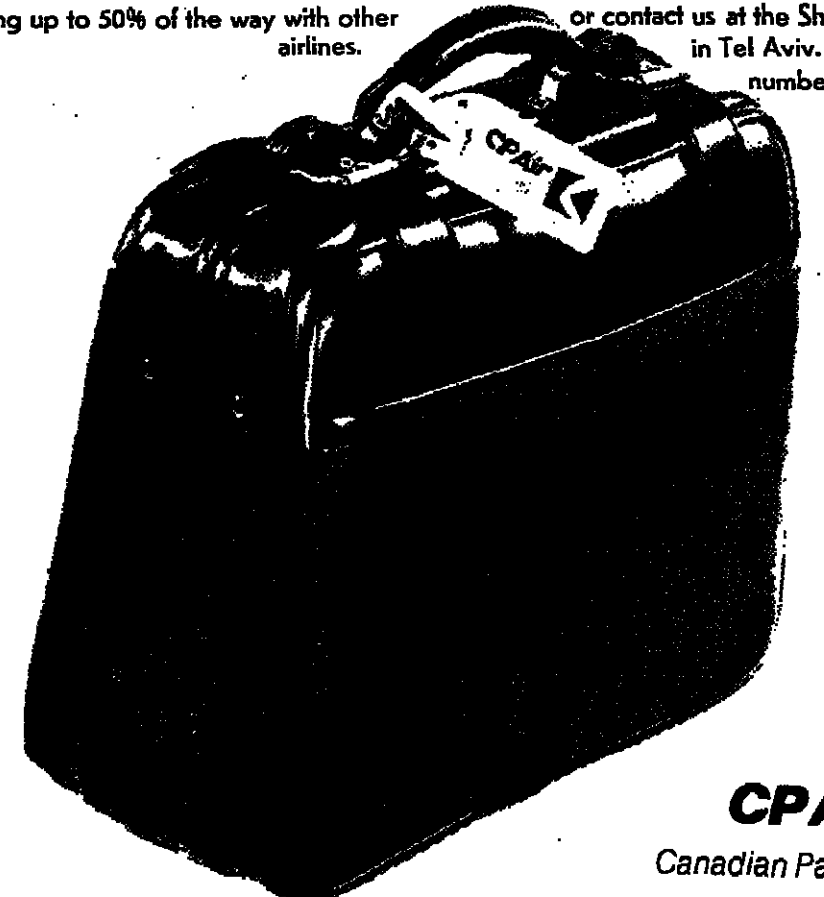
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## Sterling plunges to all-time low

The British pound fell to an all-time low against the dollar at the opening of trade but the dollar hovered at rates in more than a year's time.

The pound plummeted to \$1.6855 on Friday at 11.00 AM — for the first time since the \$1.70 level. Its previous low was \$1.7010, reached on June 15, 1975, when it hit 244.85.

### STOCKS

## Copy new year for stocks

A good feature as it was ahead by 7 to 20.5. Industrials had their share of winners as some of the quality issues like Alfa and Argenta made headway.

Pax Investments soared ahead on a 15-point gain to 396 in an apparent response to the company's just-announced cash dividend and bonus share policy.

Piryon Investments also behaved well as it reached 350, a 9.5-point gain for the day.

Of the 117.7m. traded almost half the amount was in the variables. The General Index rose 0.54 per cent to 144.10.

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## When a woman's work is all done

ONE UNDISPUTED result of the women's liberation movement has been to focus attention on women's rights to fair conditions of employment and retirement. With more and more women entering the labour market, the problem of pension rights is becoming increasingly acute.

And pension rights for the non-earning woman worker — that is, the housewife — have suddenly become a matter of some importance.

It was appropriate, therefore, that a recent seminar conducted in Jerusalem by the Soroptomist International of Europe should have had as its theme, "Women's Pension Rights and Practices."

The outstanding feature of the seminar was that the active participants, all women holding top positions in their professions, dealt with the subject as intelligent human beings of the female sex, and not as rabid "women's libbers" with all the negative connotations of that label.

This not only made a refreshing change, but gave the seminar a high standard and an aura of expertise which earned the respect of everyone who took part and was reflected in the final recommendations of the steering committee.

A word of explanation is required before enumerating these recommendations and comparing them with the pension laws of Israel.

Pension rights are a comparatively new concept, universally accepted and recognized only after World War II, that is, a short 30 years ago. There are two types of pension. The first is the fixed, unitary pension, payable to every person who has contributed to a compulsory pension scheme (like our National Insurance) or to every citizen as of right, as in a few welfare states.

The second type is the supplementary, income-linked pension, which can be either compulsory, as in several European countries, or voluntary.

In Israel at present the income-linked pension schemes are voluntary, being based for the most part on collective wage agreements. But a new Pension Bill, which introduces compulsory, income-linked pensions, is shortly to be tabled in the Knesset.

ANACHRONISM

For the most part, pension schemes have been taken for their prototype the male, full-time worker, while virtually ignoring the special problems of the female worker. This is an anachronism, based on the fact that up to 30 years ago the vast majority of women were employed as homemakers rather than in trades and professions. The women's employment revolution, which started during World War II, brought a momentous change in women's attitudes and requirements. But most pension schemes — probably inadvertently — do not take this change into consideration.

For example, no provision is made in Israeli pension schemes for the periods during which working mothers of babies and toddlers are confined to their homes and have no salaries or wages from which their contributions to the various pension schemes can be deducted. This means that they lose the time spent at home when their pension rights come to be calculated.

A universal problem is that of the house-bound woman or permanent homemaker, commonly known as the housewife. Since she earns no wage, she makes no contribution to either the unitary compulsory pension scheme or to the voluntary, income-linked schemes.

In some European countries, where the unitary pension is paid as of right to every citizen, without requiring any contribution, the problem of the housewife is nonexistent. In other countries, including Israel, a housewife may if she wishes contribute to the national insurance fund and will then be entitled to a full old-age pension in her own right. If she does not do so, her husband will get a 50 per cent addition to his own old-age pension, which will be payable to the wife herself. But in many countries, housewives have no pension rights whatsoever.

The Soroptomists' first recommendation was that the age of retirement should be equal for both sexes. They felt that the prevalent practice of fixing an earlier retirement age for women than for

men is outdated: women are no longer prematurely worn out by continual childbirth; nor can they be deemed to be the weaker sex, their statistical life expectancy being seven years longer than that of men.

Furthermore, some of the inequalities in pension schemes, justified by the longer period during which the average woman receives an old-age pension, could thereby be eliminated without placing too great a burden on the pension fund.

Under our own national insurance scheme, women are entitled to an old-age pension at the age of 60 and men at the age of 65. The voluntary, income-based schemes have similar retirement ages and only under the bi-partite pension scheme is there a uniform retirement age of 65 for men and women state employees.

The new Pension Bill fixes the retirement age for both sexes at 65, with an option of retiring from 60 onwards. Men will lose a percentage of their pension if they exercise the option, while both men and women will gain a little for every year they go on working between the ages of 65 and 70.

The seminar's second recommendation was that all economically active men and women, whether employed or self-employed, should be covered by a compulsory, income-based pension scheme. Homemakers were expressly excepted, although the seminar unequivocally accepted the contention that the housewife, who saves the family hundreds of pounds in domestic service, can be deemed to be "economically active." But the burden of financing her insurance was thought to be too great for poorer countries to bear.

In Israel, the new Pension Bill introduces an income-based, compulsory pension scheme for all employed and self-employed persons, including members of a family business, such as small shops and farms — without receiving any payment.

Meanwhile, until the bill becomes law, approximately 200,000 self-employed persons are not covered by any income-based pension schemes, while only 90 per cent of employed persons belong to voluntary pension schemes under collective wage agreements. State employees are covered by statutory schemes.

The seminar's third recommendation was that old-age pensioners should be entitled to engage in gainful employment without jeopardizing their pension rights — a already being partly implemented in Israel under the national insurance scheme, which does not make complete retirement a *quid pro quo* for receiving an old-age pension. Most of the income-based voluntary schemes allow people to do part-time work while enjoying pension rights. The new Pension Bill completely divorces retirement from pension rights, making the latter independent of the former, except insofar as the amount of the final pension is concerned.

PORTABLE PENSIONS

The seminar's fourth recommendation was that it should be provided by law that pension rights may be carried from one job to another and from one pension scheme to another — a matter which is more pressing for women than for men, as they change their jobs more frequently.

Such a transfer is expressly provided for in our Pension Bill, filling the present lacuna in the voluntary, income-based schemes.

The fifth recommendation — that national Soroptomist Unions strive for the attainment of bilateral agreements for the transfer of pension rights from one country to another — is very much a hope for the future. But it is interesting to note that our Pension Bill already makes provision for the implementation of such bilateral agreements. One of the seminar's recommendations was the prohibition of the premature cashing-in of income-based pension benefits, so as to discourage women (who are the main offenders) from collecting their pension money after a minimum period of employment — usually 10 years — and then retiring from the labour market altogether.

Our Pension Bill does not comply with this recommendation, since it allows for a pension of 2 per

## World Bank lends \$6.6b.

WASHINGTON. — The World Bank loaned a record \$6.6 billion in the past year, but this was only just enough for the very poorest developing nations.

The bank said in its annual report that in 1975 many developing countries were forced to adopt severe measures as the world recession hit them with full force.

A senior bank official who recently visited Kenya told reporters these measures often "were not pleasant." "It meant in Kenya they stopped building schools, which means there will be fewer educated Kenyans in the future, and they slowed down water purification projects, which means there will be fewer healthy Kenyans," he said.

The good weather of the past 12 months has enabled the poorest of the developing countries to make economic gains," he added. Several years ago, the bank adopted a lending programme designed to increase productivity by small farmers in the poorest countries. "The rural development programme has really begun to take hold," the official said.

The more advanced developing nations fared better in terms of economic growth during the recession, the report said. As a group, their economies have expanded at an average annual rate of 6.4 per cent over the last three years. (Reuters)

## 38% rise in hotel occupancy

Jerusalem Post Reporter

There was a spectacular rise in the number of "bed-nights" sold by Israel's hotels in the first half of this year, the Central Bureau of Statistics reports.

The bureau said 3.6m. overnight stays were registered in tourist-class hotels from January through June. This represented an increase of 38 per cent over the number sold in the same period a year ago.

The figures are based on a monthly review of hotel occupancy conducted by the Statistics Bureau in conjunction with the Israel Hotel Association.

The association reported there were 21,500 hotel rooms in tourist hotels last June, about five per cent more than in June 1975.

The biggest increase in the number of hotel stays during the January-through-June 1976 period was noticed in five-star hotels, where accommodations ran 62 per cent ahead of the first half of 1975. In the four-star category, hotels reported 37 per cent more "bed-nights."

Jerusalem's hotels have been doing especially well so far this year, according to the report.

## Coveted 'E' award

NEW YORK. — President Ford has conferred an "E" award on the America-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry in recognition of its outstanding performance in the field of international trade, it was announced here last week. The formal presentation will be made on October 26 at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, Rina Messinger of Israel, elected Miss Universe, 1976, will serve as hostess for the event.

The "E" award is the highest tribute bestowed by the U.S. government on firms and organizations that have contributed to the advancement of industry and trade.

The award was originated during World War II. The America-Israel Chamber of Commerce is believed to be the first Israel-oriented organization to receive it.

Max Ratner of Cleveland, is president of the Chamber. (JTA)

## ILlm. smuggling attempt foiled

HAIFA. — Police and customs authorities here last week foiled an attempt to smuggle into the country ILlm. worth of TV sets and food mixers.

The police spokesman reported that a trailer loaded with a container from Ashdod Port was followed by police to a local courtyard. When the constables approached, the container's handlers fled.

In addition to the registered contents of 500 blankets, the container had 130 TV sets and 70 mixers, together valued at ILlm.

Two merchants have been arrested as suspected owners of the contraband goods.

## DRUSE SCHOOLS last week were allocated IL15m. for new construction, ILlm. for renovation of existing facilities, and ILlm. for additional equipment according to Eliezer Shmueli, acting director-general of the Education and Culture Ministry.

## MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

## Last Notice regarding ISRAEL PRIZES, 5737

Prizes will be awarded in the following fields: History of the Jewish People and Research on Eretz Yisrael; Linguistic, Cultural and Geographical Research; Agricultural Research; Sculpture and Design; An Outstanding Working Life (or Life in Industry).

Every permanent Israel resident may be nominated for a prize, and may submit a nomination. Reasons for making the nomination must be given. Nominations should not be signed (name of nominator should be given on a separate piece of paper). Nominations, curriculum vitae of candidate, photograph of his works or photographs of them, should be submitted.

Nominations should arrive not later than October 24, 1976.

## Bank of Israel

Notice to holders of certificates:

Milveh Hisachon — 1970 — Group 2  
Milveh Hisachon — 1971 — Group 1

The above certificates become redeemable on October 1, 1976. According to the Milveh Hisachon Law, 1976, holders of these certificates may continue saving and postpone redemption for a further period of 4 years, until October 1, 1980.

THE ALTERNATIVE — CONTINUED SAVING

Certificate holders who decide to postpone redemption for another 4 years will benefit from the following benefits:

- The sum due for redemption on October 1, 1976 will form the capital for the new loan.
- The new capital will be fully linked to a new basic index (398.4 points) which is the Consumers' Price Index as published for June, 1976.
- The new loan will bear unlinked, tax-free interest of 5%.
- At the end of 4 years, i.e. on October 1, 1980, the value of the certificates will be paid to the registered holders with the addition of interest and linkage according to the last index published before redemption becomes due.
- These conditions apply, as stated, at the end of the 4 year period only. Any certificate presented for redemption during the 4 year period, i.e. before October 1, 1980, will be redeemed at the redemption rates as at October 1, 1976 as detailed hereunder.

CERTIFICATE HOLDERS WISHING TO REDEEM CERTIFICATE ON OCTOBER 1, 1976

Such holders may now apply to a banking institution in Israel and receive, on the spot, payment either in cash or credited to their bank account. Moneys received in exchange for certificates will be paid only to registered holders and upon presentation of identity card. Bank account holders may present their certificates for redemption before the date fixed for redemption, and their accounts will be credited accordingly on October 1, 1976.

As from October 1, 1976, certificates may also be presented for redemption at branches of the Bank of Israel at Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa.

Hereunder redemption rates, including accumulated interest, and linkage on capital:

Milveh Hisachon, 1970, Index 1970, 382.90% = IL382.90 for each IL100

Milveh Hisachon, 1970, Index 1972, 296.49% = IL296.49 for each IL100

Milveh Hisachon, 1971, Index 1971, 335.95% = IL335.95 for each IL100

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## Summary punishment

THE "JUST PUNISHMENT" promised by the Syrian authorities to the three surviving Palestinian attackers of the Samirani Hotel in Damascus was meted out to them with the cruel swiftness for which Arab justice is often rightly famous.

No sooner were their interviews on Damascus radio ended, than the terrorists were hauled before the High Court for National Security, where a summary trial was held and death sentences were quickly passed. Then, with the express approval of President Hafez Assad, the three were hanged in full view of a mammoth Syrian crowd opposite the hotel they had assaulted less than 24 hours earlier.

There was, it is true, no question about the guilt of the convicted terrorists. They had made full confessions, which need not be doubted. They had been recruited by a faction of the Patah organization — which now, in customary fashion, is trying to disown them — and trained in Iraq to carry the fight for the Palestinian cause from Lebanon, as they put it, right into the heart of Syria. Their immediate assignment was to force the Syrian authorities, by the violent taking of hostages at the Samirani, to release some of their comrades jailed for previous terrorist activities.

The circumstances of the case — and of its frustration as well — easily bring to mind some terrorist incursions that have taken place in Israel. The difference lies in the treatment of the surviving perpetrators. For in Israel they would have been assured of a fair and open trial, and their maximum sentence would have been life imprisonment. This despite the distinct possibility — which the Syrians were in all likelihood attempting to avoid — that the new prisoners might be creating a fresh invitation to kidnapping.

President Assad's determined action on Sunday against the terrorists ought to be welcomed. But the Syrians clearly indicated, by their own conduct, that they were unimpressed by Israel's code of behaviour towards outlaws. In the eyes of the authorities in Damascus, indeed, the worst crime of the Samirani bandits may have been the fact that they had carried out their murderous action on Syrian and not on Israeli soil.

Yet, by the same token, there is no reason for Israel to feel that it is being over-generous to the Palestinian terrorists — by comparison with the Syrians. Each nation has its own standard of civilization, and if Israel's does not conform with that of most Arab nations in the Middle East, including the Syrians, so be it.

That this is how it is, is brought out with particular force in the latest annual report on political repression around the world published by Amnesty International in London on Sunday. The contrast between Israel and the Arab states stands out precisely because there is no attempt — or no willingness — in the report to draw analogies.

The facts, more or less, speak for themselves — such as that Israel is an open society where Amnesty's representatives can check on the conduct of security trials and the conditions of security prisoners. In vast areas of the Arab world, on the other hand, in Saudi Arabia, the Yemen Arab Republic and some Gulf states, information about the plight of prisoners is simply not available due to the intimidation of the public and of the legal profession.

Where the facts are available, they tell a grisly tale — with Iraq giving the worst cause for worry, followed by Oman, Syria and Libya. In Libya, the report says dryly, various moves, such as the decision by the head of state, Muammar Gaddafi, to arrest all his opponents, have led to a deterioration in the treatment of human rights there.

Israel, for its part, will not comport itself with an eye on how they do it in Libya — or in Syria.

# A patch would have been enough

FOR SOME odd reason the words "no-fault" induce a kind of hypnosis which leads both legislators and the public into the uncritical acceptance of medicine-man claims that such legislation is a sure-fire remedy for any ailment.

In enacting the present law the Knesset failed to notice that the American stampede toward no-fault came to an abrupt halt in 1975. Premium rates had gone up rather than down; underwriting figures were in the red (no-fault was a significant cause of the near insolvency of one of the largest of the American casualty companies); and, as the underwriting pinch intensified, the promised "speedy payment" of claims began to deteriorate into business as usual.

The enactment of Israel's new law appears to have been prompted by the desire to assist a class of automobile accident victims whose losses could not be compensated for under the existing compulsory third-party liability insurance system. An injured person was barred from recovery of both his economic and non-economic losses if he himself was to blame for the accident out of which they arose.

Statutory compensation was available in those cases where the accident was work-related, and scattered provision was made for the payment of a portion of medical expenses under Sick Fund agreements. But the failure of the Israeli automobile insurance industry to provide motorists with relatively inexpensive medical payment and disability coverages (such as are available in America) led to hardship in those cases where an injured person was required to dig into his own personal resources or apply for welfare assistance to pay his medical expenses, and support his family.

Rather than repair this leak in the compensation roof by applying a patch in the form of limited medical payment and disability coverages, the Knesset undertook to replace the entire roof with what it believed was a comprehensive scheme of social welfare automobile insurance. The scheme was to be subsidized in part by placing a ceiling on the common

The Knesset has rushed prematurely into an untried and unproven system of accident reparations far beyond the premium-paying capabilities of the Israeli car-owner. The basic premises underlying the introduction of no-fault are invalid, and its glittering promises are a trap, writes IRVIN E. SCHERMER.

law right of recovery by an injured person of damages for his pain and suffering.

The present no-fault law compels every motor vehicle owner to purchase what is in effect an additional policy of automobile insurance under which the insurer agrees to reimburse the vehicle owner, his passengers, and any injured pedestrian for medical expenses incurred and wage losses sustained in any accident involving the insured vehicle. An injured person may no longer look to the third-party liability insurance of an offending motorist for reimbursement of these losses, but retains the right to recover third-party damages for pain and suffering in an amount not in excess of IL100,000.

It is said that the no-fault law creates a right to recover economic losses without a showing of fault and thereby accords the injured person a new and heretofore non-existent privilege. In fact, right has nothing to do with the matter. Each motorist has purchased and paid for medical and disability benefits and, and covered by his policy, are entitled to recover them on a contractual rather than on a tort basis. Where he would normally be entitled to recover his economic losses from a negligent, committer of tort on a free common law basis, he must now pay for the right on a premium-purchase basis. In addition he must buy insurance for strangers who have no moral or legal claim against him and who, as non-vehicle owners, are not obligated to assist in defraying the cost of the scheme by the payment of premiums.

The contention that the blameless claimant now avoids the vexatious delays formerly encountered in seeking recovery of a third-party insurance claim is specious. The answer does not lie in surrender, but rather in better governmental

regulation of claims-handling practices and the imposition of stiff penalties for abuses. You don't have to burn down the barn to rid it of mice.

AN EVEN MORE SERIOUS problem involves the limitation placed by the act on the common law right of an injured person to recover full damages for all his pain and suffering. The IL100,000 ceiling on such damages, an amount which many proponents of the law felt was overly generous, was introduced on the theory that large sums otherwise recoverable by the seriously injured could be shunted back into the pool and be utilized to pay the economic losses of other claimants. It is a strange kind of justice which uses the tears and agony of the innocent to pay the economic losses of the careless and improvident.

Aside from denigrating the modern concept that pain and suffering are as real and tangible a loss to an injured person as a property loss, the matter of the validity of such a ceiling has been entirely overlooked. In an analogous situation in the U.S., an act passed by the Illinois legislature placing a ceiling on damages for medical malpractice was recently held invalid by the Illinois Supreme Court. In *Wright v. Central DuPage Hospital Association*, 847 N.E. 2d (1976), the court refused to accept the argument that a seriously injured person could be required to surrender his right to full damages in order to help defray the cost of medical service to others.

The present uproar over the steep increase in premium rates is thoroughly justified. While the Insurance Commissioner has stated in partial justification that "there is no country in the world which provides for such generous protection," such generosity is ill-conceived. The present coverages require the

payment of medical expenses and wage-loss benefits without limits as to time or amount, except that the scale of wage loss benefits cannot exceed three times the average wage. The underwriting cost factors involved cannot help but lead to successively higher premium rates with the passage of time and the concomitant addition of the permanent disability to the loss expense rolls. Existing projections of increases which will not exceed 65 per cent are based on hopes for decreased accident frequency and "savings" in administrative costs. This is the stuff out of which dreams are made. As far back as April 1974, Professor England of the Hebrew University Law Faculty projected a potential doubling of premiums to cover the costs of the present programme. More Knesset members should read the "Israel Law Review."

There is no rational justification for such mushroom coverage. Coverages in the U.S. are on a far more modest scale. In 10 out of 24 states in which no-fault laws are in effect, maximum medical benefits are fixed at \$3,000. Only three states (New Jersey, Michigan, and Pennsylvania) grant unlimited medical benefits, and in New Jersey the insurance industry is expressing serious doubt that it can continue to provide such extensive coverage on the basis of anything less than prohibitive rates. Furthermore, all of the American no-fault states place ceilings on the total of wage loss benefits, most of them restricting the payment period to one year.

THE "SPEEDY PAYMENT" myth is likewise being exploded in the U.S. There was a honeymoon period in which claimants obtained without difficulty the benefits to which they were entitled, and this has remained true in most states where underwriting experience has

been good. But elsewhere are beginning to disprove fides of medical expense claims. More and more reverting to the former referring the claimant to a sure company do predictable finding a treatment is unnecessary. Unfortunately, the 10 teeth with which to promise of speedy payment only penalty imposed reasonable delay in interest rate. In the monetary conditions to a slap on the recalcitrant insurer. hand, a stymied claimant, sue successive summary in order to recover each ment of his claims. At the law should be strengthening stiff criminal vexatious delays and by claimant to recover damages for his trouble.

The Knesset would better by requiring incorporate an inexpensive limited medical coverage into their party liability policies, mitting the existing main in effect. French insurance can be held quiring a claimant a third-party recovery fault benefits out of the utilization of such Oregon has not only stable premium rates three years, but has a number of minor injury It is clear that the rushed promulgation of an unproven system reparations far beyond premium-paying capabil Israel motorizing public premises underlying tion of no-fault are in promises are a trap and

The writer, the author of "Liability Insurance," has years' experience as a representing both injured damage companies.

## Dry Bones



### POSTSCRIPTS

WE HAD made up our minds to refrain from publishing any more letters on the subject of the Entebbe rescue, until we heard about one of the letters received by Mrs. Golda Meir from a school-teacher in an African country. It is none the less affecting if we omit mention of the writer's name and home. It runs in part as follows:

"My dear Mrs. Meir, Shalom from all the friends of Israel here and especially from me and my colleague who is headmaster of the school.

We had prayed all the week for the Jewish hostages held in Entebbe. We had no news until 1 p.m. I was the first to hear. The rescue was very poor, but good enough to hear. They swooped down and rescued them." That was enough for a start, so I called to others who then listened.

We are so very thankful to God for having heard prayer and ask you to convey to those who planned and those who took part in this wonderful

rescue our hearty congratulations and thanks.

We would not forget those who died in the rescue. We offer our sincere condolences to their families. May they be comforted by the God of all comfort as they think what an honour is theirs, that their sons or husbands should be called to lay down their lives for their friends and for Israel."

IT IS GOOD to know that some newcomers from the Soviet Union now feel themselves sufficiently part of Israel to form an organization which lends a hand to more recent arrivals. Calling itself "Chama," the group is non-political and is dedicated to continuing the self-sacrificing Zionist and Jewish activities its members undertook at such risk in Russia. They feel that by a warm, human contact with new olim, based on a common language and past, the newcomers can be helped over the difficulties of integration.

### READERS' LETTERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I do not believe that adding pounds to the nurses' salary will alleviate the severe nursing shortage. The nursing profession consists primarily of women who have the added responsibilities of being mothers and homemakers. Teachers work a maximum 30-hour week within the school with all holidays off plus two months' vacation, in all an eight-month work year. Speech therapists and even women psychologists generally accept only part-time jobs or jobs in school settings so that they can enjoy the shorter work day to enable them to carry on their family responsibilities. The hospital nurse must be ready to work on all holidays, on the sabbath and at night — a long arduous day replete with intense responsibility and heartache; exposed also to disease and infection, to harassment and nervous tension of patients, relatives, and doctors. And whereas many professions carry fringe benefits, hospital nurses must even pay Kupaat Holim dues for their own medical services and hospitalization. Little wonder that a vast number of certified nurses opt out for other than hospital nursing. I should like to suggest the following:

1) The work day of the hospital nurse be changed to 36 hours, i.e. four shifts during the 24-hour day instead of three. I believe this would

### THE NURSES' STRIKE

encourage many nurses to remain in the hospital and also bring back many nurses who would find the six-hour shift much more suitable to their family structure and their age.

2) Hospital nurses should, of course, receive free medical treatment for themselves and all members of their immediate family during their years of active service.

3) Hospital nurses must be rated on a higher scale than nurses working in schools or clinics.

4) Students who wish to study nursing should pay tuition, as students in any other higher education institution. Students who cannot afford tuition fees should receive scholarships if they are deserving. Thus when these students work during holidays or nights, they should be paid for their work. Many nursing students could thus earn towards their tuition. The nursing school would gain dignity and status as a professional school. Today, the student nurse sweats out her free tuition as cheap labour.

I think the leaders of the nurses' union are off beat. They don't seem to face the issue squarely, that it is not a matter of money, but the need to give the hospital nurses a work day parallel in hours at least to the work day of other women professionals, so that they can cope better with their family obligations.

Herliya.

### SUGAR PRICE

surplus in world sugar supplies which should maintain these low prices.

Is there any justification for the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to carry on maintaining their monopolistic price level of IL4.5 per kg. of the already hard-pressed Israeli housewife?

Petah Tikva. ALAN WHITE Jerusalem.

### INCENTIVES OLD-TIME

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Further to Dr. "Whose Benefit?" (See why not draw the logical Not a system of incentives to take advantage of it during which they spend time buying and grab enough time trying to the country, meet people it is difficult — it is no USA) and learn to like Why not turn the system give incentives to people decided to stay in the who have learned to fit. little instead of just m. they can get out of it.

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BURNETT Jerusalem.

### ISRAEL PRESS

## Speedboat from Alexandria

HATZOFEN (National Religious Party) calls for a thorough investigation into the puzzling appearance on the Rosh Hashana holiday of a speedboat from Alexandria on Tel Aviv's beach, where holiday crowds were bathing.

The paper wonders whether the speedboat's refuelling from a Turkish ship at sea had been planned in advance: "Surely when they set out from Alexandria, the Egyptians did not rely on the miracle of a chance encounter at sea for refuelling?"

DAVA (Hatsadut) in a second leader says that the revelation of incidents of detainees in a military prison being subjected to gang-violence leads to the conclusion that

the decision to lower the criteria for the call-up to compulsory army service was a mistake. "When the head of IDF manpower gave the press the figures of those imprisoned in military jails and the breakdown of the types of charges, his purpose was to show that the decision had been justified. Unfortunately, however, the statistics lead to the opposite conclusion. Lowering the mobilization standard has perhaps led to the rehabilitation of a small number of people who would otherwise have been drop-outs in civilian life, but the presence in the forces of a small number of men of deviant behaviour can undermine the discipline, behaviour norms and team spirit of entire groups."

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**FOR MANY JEWS** in the Diaspora, the hora — whether danced around an open campfire or performed at a wedding reception — first gives emotional shape to Zionism and Israel. Those who arrive at these shores do indeed see children dancing the hora in city streets on Independence Day and, occasionally, adults interspersing their popular ballroom fade with folk dances at private parties.

Israel's culture is primarily sophisticated and urbane — certainly not "Kohly"! But these dances with their bounce, their swaying steps, their catchy patterns and above all their vitality are now being made to preserve other dances, brought from Arab lands.

The quintessential Israeli folk dance — the hora — had its origins in the villages of Rumania and underwent a slow transformation here. Attempts are now being made to preserve other dances, brought from Arab lands.

"Creative" folk dances: there was no time to wait for it to grow naturally. Last summer Gurli Kahan, who in 1920 received a medal from the State of Israel, helped by the music committee of the kibbutzim, organized a festival at Kibbutz Dalia, lasting two days and two nights. Two hundred dancers from all over the country performed both youngsters, and there was an instant Yemenite vogue. Then the traditional European dances and

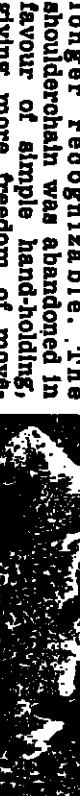
to mark important occasions. The Hasidim make an annual pilgrimage on Lag B'Omer to Meron where they dance all night. Only the men take part. Most clap, chant, amble or just sway in a circle. The more adept exhibit their skill in fancy footwork, balancing a bottle or a cane on the forehead. Often a father will dance into the centre of the ring years old, the prophet has helped keep up and revitalize these traditions from dying out and being lost forever. Official support is provided. Dan Ginosar, the Israeli High Commissioner, took the initiative to organize festivals in the villages. Now almost half the year, the Hora has been kept up and revitalized these

By JOAN CLARK

known to the public than the Yemenites, the Kurdistan Jewesses have also kept intact village celebrations dating back many hundreds of years, marking a wedding, for example, with a full week of rituals and dances. To prevent these age-old traditions from dying out and being lost forever, official support is provided. Dan Ginosar, the Israeli High Commissioner, took the initiative to organize festivals in the villages. Now almost half the year, the Hora has been kept up and revitalized these

awarded his doctorate of law at Vienna University than he decided to become a professional chess player. He wrote a number of excellent books on the game, one of

They took root in the new village settlements where the Israeli character had its impact on their style. The original Kumi-dan hora, for example, is no longer recognizable. The shouderchah was abandoned in favour of simple hand-holding, giving more freedom of movement. The energetic stamps and



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The most recent indication of Israeli live interest in its rich folklore traditions was the sponsorship of the second international folklore festival at the end of July in which our own ethnic ensembles took part, along with visiting foreign troupes.

The Hladadant Folk Dance Committee sponsors annual courses for leaders in centres all over the country. Hundreds of Israeli

leg-swinging disappeared and made room for small, light, elastic steps with accentuated body turns; all the movements became narrower and more restrained — in short, more Oriental.

Despite such modifications, the dances were still considered foreign. In 1944 a conscious decision was taken to reverse the usual historical process and to

*Top, one wedding guest dances with the first centrepiece on his head while others make a ring around him and shift about nervously within the circle. (Julius Goldberg) Bottom left, a stage-12 Bulgarian folk dance. (Rahman Iversell) Bottom right, dancing the hore in Rabon Lenton on Independence Day.*

country's traditions of celebrating every landmark of its national history. Each year to leaders who then function at kibbutzim community centres and after-school clubs.

Ten or 12 demonstration groups are usually active, touring Israel and foreign countries and competing in international contests. Our specialty, which always gets us first prize, is in leading the entire assembled public in community dancing. □

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**TABLE 1**

**Summary of the Data from the Study**

Variable	Mean	SD	N
Age	68.7	9.0	100
Gender			100
Male			50
Female			50
Educational level			100
High school or less			20
Bachelor's degree			30
Master's degree			20
PhD			30
Marital status			100
Married			60
Single			10
Divorced			10
Widowed			20
Health status			100
Excellent			10
Good			30
Fair			20
Poor			40

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